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LESE GOVERNMENT MAY BE AIMED AT THE REPLACEMENT OF PRESIDENT ADOULA

SOME OF ADOULA'S MINISTERS AND FORMER CLAUDET SUPPORTERS HAVE DRAFTED A DOCUMENT HAVING A FIVE-MEMBER "COMMITTEE OF EXCEPTION" TO REPLACE THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT, ACCORDING TO CLANDESTINE SOURCES. THE COMMITTEE IS TO BE HEADED BY MINISTER OF DEFENSE JEROME ANANY, AND INCLUDES ^S JUSTICE MINISTER BONDOKO, SURTE CHIEF NENDAKA, AND INTERIOR MINISTER NABOTI. THE MINISTERS PLAN TO SUBMIT THE DOCUMENT TO PRESIDENT KASAVUBU FOR A SIGNATURE TODAY.

THIS ^{GROUP} ~~GROUP~~, WHICH IS GENERALLY WESTERN-ORIENTED, IS WORRIED BY THE STEPPED-UP ACTIVITIES OF THE EXTREME LEFTIST NATIONALISTS AS WELL AS BY LABOR GROUP AGITATION FOR A NEW GOVERNMENT. THEY

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HAVE ALSO LONG BEEN CONCERNED WITH THE LACKLUSTER LEADERSHIP AND INDECISIVENESS OF ADOULA.

ARMY CHIEF GENERAL BOBUTU MAY BE CONNECTED WITH THE GROUP OR AT LEAST MAY TACITLY SUPPORT ITS AIMS. BOBUTU HAS RECENTLY BECOME SHARPLY CRITICAL OF ADOULA. //

2. MOROCCO-ALGERIA: ALGERIA HAS ANNOUNCED THE "MOTILIZATION OF ALL FORMER FIGHTING MEN" AS SKIRMISHES ALONG THE UNDEFINED BORDER AREA CONTINUE.

PRESS STORIES THAT THE AREA OF FIGHTING HAS ENLARGED BEYOND THE TWO EN OUTPOSTS OF EL HASSI BEIDA AND TINJOU AND THAT 2,500 MOROCCAN TROOPS ARE ENGAGED ARE STILL UNCONFIRMED. ALGERIAN AIR STRIKE SOME 150 MILES TO NORTHEAST REPORTED IN PRESS ON 18 OCT.

THE KING AND HIS OPERATIONAL STAFF HAVE ESTABLISHED THEIR HEADQUARTERS AT MARRAKECH. TAGOUNITE, 35 MILES NORTH OF TINJOU, ARE APPARENTLY IS BEING USED AS THE FORWARD MOROCCAN BASE.

IN ADDITION, AN ALERT IS BEING MAINTAINED ALONG THE EASTERN MOROCCAN BORDER. ~~THE ALGERIAN ARMY HAS BEEN REINFORCING ITS BORDER UNITS IN THE MARRIA-TLECKEN~~ THE ALGERIAN ARMY HAS BEEN REINFORCING ITS BORDER UNITS IN THE MARRIA-TLECKEN

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BEN BRALA'S ENVOYS ARRIVED IN MARRAKECH 15 OCT FOR TALKS WITH MOROCCAN OFFICIALS, WHICH REPORTEDLY DID NOT GO WELL.

3. TURKEY: THE INONU GOVERNMENT HAS INDICATED THAT IT WILL EXTEND MARTIAL LAW FOR TWO ADDITIONAL MONTHS, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE OF CONTINUING UNSETTLED POLITICAL CONDITIONS. THIS WILL BE THE THIRD EXTENSION SINCE THE ABORTIVE MILITARY COUP OF LAST MAY. REGIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR 17 NOVEMBER MAY NOW BE POSTPONED. (CONF)

4. FRANCE-IRAN: PRIME MINISTER ALAM EXPECTS DE GAULLE TO OFFER IRAN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, PRIMARILY CREDITS FOR THE PETRO-CHEMICAL INDUSTRY AND ELECTRIFICATION, DURING A FOUR-DAY VISIT TO IRAN WHICH BEGINS TODAY. ALAM DID NOT SPECIFY THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT. FRENCH SOURCES DESCRIBE THE VISIT AS ELABORATELY CEREMONIAL, ALTHOUGH DE GAULLE WILL MAKE A MAJOR ADDRESS TO A JOINT SESSION OF THE IRANIAN PARLIAMENT TOMORROW. (CONF)

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